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GANDHI RESEARCH CENTRE AND MUSEUM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam has submitted any proposal to develop Gandhi Research Centre and Museum at Guwahati,as a tourist centre;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to develop this centre into a tourist centre?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c): Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India,extends financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under following schemes.

1.Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations/Circuits
2.Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects.
3.Information Technology
4.Fairs/Festival and Events

Project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories that are complete in all respect are approved on the basis of inter-se priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head. A proposal for the development of Guwahati including a component for development of Gandhi Mandap was submitted by the State Government.However,the project proposal was not as per the guidelines and hence was not sanctioned.

In the current financial year,Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned an amount of Rs.2107.61 lakh to Government of Assam for various tourism infrastructure projects.